

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the very thorough consideration given the present application.

Claims 1-10 are now present in this application. Claim 1 is independent, and has been amended. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Priority Under 35 U.S.C. § 119

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging Applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, and receipt of the certified priority document.

Drawings

Applicant has not received a Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review PTO-948 or other indication of whether or not the formal drawings have been approved by the Draftsperson. Clarification in the next Office Action is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,320,691 to Ouchi et al. (Ouchi). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

A complete discussion of the Examiner's rejection is set forth in the Office Action, and is not being repeated here.

While not conceding the appropriateness of the Examiner's rejection, but merely to advance prosecution of the instant application, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1 has been amended to recite a combination of elements in a electro-luminescence display, including tape carrier packages connecting the driving circuit boards and the electro-luminescence panel in a planar state wherein the tape carrier packages and the driving circuit boards are disposed upon a surface of said panel.

Applicant respectfully submits that this combination of elements as set forth in independent claim 1 is not disclosed or made obvious by the prior art of record, including Ouchi.

The Examiner states that Ouchi teaches a display panel comprising driving circuit boards (104) for applying driving signals to a gate line and a data line provided at the panel; and tape carrier packages (103) connecting the driving circuit boards (104) and the panel in a planar state wherein the tape carrier

packages (103) and the driving circuit boards (104) are disposed in a common plane.

The TCP (tape carrier package) 103 is mounted on a display panel 102 including a pair of substrates 102a and 102b. However, PCB board 104 (asserted by the Examiner to be a driving circuit) is not disposed upon a surface of panel 102. In other words, TCP 103 and PCB 104 are not both disposed upon a surface of panel 102.

Therefore Ouchi fails to disclose or suggest tape carrier packages connecting the driving circuit boards and the electro-luminescence panel in a planar state wherein the tape carrier packages and the driving circuit boards are disposed upon a surface of said panel, as recited in independent claim 1, as amended.

Claims 2-10 depend, either directly or indirectly on independent claim 1. Since Ouchi fails to disclose or suggest the above-recited features of independent claim 1, Ouchi cannot render claims 1-10 obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this art grounds of rejection are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that

the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone Percy L. Square, Registration No. 51,084, at (703) 205-8034, in the Washington, D.C. area.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and 1.17 for a two-month extension of time in which to respond to the Examiner's Office Action. The Extension of Time Fee in the amount of \$410.00 is attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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